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PORTO RICO.

Report from San Juan—Transactions of Service—Vital statistics.

Chief quarantine officer King reports January 28, as follows:

Transactions of the Service at San Juan and the six subports of the island during the month of December, 1904.

SAN JUAN.

Vessels inspected.....	16
Bills of health issued.....	32
Vessels held in quarantine.....	3
Persons detained in quarantine.....	20

The vessels detained were the Red D Line steamers *Philadelphia* and *Caracas*, which arrived at this port on December 14 and 28, respectively, from ports of Venezuela and Curaçao, and the Spanish steamer *Montevideo* from Central and South American ports on December 22, 1904. All of these vessels were held in quarantine and permitted to transact business under guard. During the month no vessel arrived with quarantinable disease of any kind on board. The sanitary condition of this port is good, and there are no diseases of a quarantinable nature reported.

At Mayaguez there were 7 vessels inspected and 13 bills of health issued; at Arecibo, 3 vessels inspected and 5 bills issued; at Humacao, 3 vessels inspected and 4 bills issued; at Aguadilla, no vessels inspected and 4 bills issued; at Arroyo, no vessels inspected and no bills issued; and at Fajardo, 7 vessels inspected and 9 bills of health issued.

The vital statistics from the subports for December, 1904, show 98 deaths at Mayaguez, 6 due to anæmia, 12 to uncinariasis, 1 to pneumonia, 2 to broncho-pneumonia, and 15 to tuberculosis; 104 deaths at Arecibo, 3 to pernicious anæmia, 8 to anæmia, malnutrition, 8 to uncinariasis, 17 to acute bronchitis, 11 to tuberculosis, 3 to paludism, and 2 to pneumonia; 52 deaths at Humacao, 8 due to anæmia, 1 to bronchitis, 1 to pneumonia, and 3 to tuberculosis; 49 deaths at Fajardo, 7 due to anæmia, 4 to broncho-pneumonia, 1 to catarrhal pneumonia, and 5 to tuberculosis; 52 deaths at Aguadilla, 10 due to anæmia, 7 to tuberculosis, 3 to acute bronchitis; and 20 deaths at Arroyo, 4 due to grippe, 1 to bronchitis, 3 to paludism, and 1 to tuberculosis.

No quarantinable diseases are reported at the subports.

The usual monthly vital statistics of the city of San Juan are herewith inclosed.

Vital statistics of San Juan for the month of December, 1904.

Broncho-pneumonia.....	2	Tetanus.....	1
Pernicious malarial fever.....	1	Pneumonia.....	2
Infantile tetanus.....	3	Cardiac insufficiency.....	1
Septicæmia.....	3	Enterocolitis.....	1
Gastro-enteritis, acute.....	4	Peritonitis.....	1
Tuberculosis.....	17	Malarial fever.....	1
Anæmia.....	4	All other causes.....	32
Bronchitis, acute.....	3		
Gastro-enteritis.....	2	Total.....	85
Mitral insufficiency.....	3		
Obstruction aortic.....	1	Number of births.....	87
Acute meningitis.....	1	Number of deaths.....	85
Enteritis.....	1	Number of still-borns.....	18
Meningitis.....	2		